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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1320-A)

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In the Application of:

Carpenter

Serial No.: **09/843,961**

Filed: **April 27, 2001**

For: **Improved Analyte Assays and Devices**

Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Nguyen, Bao Thuy L

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

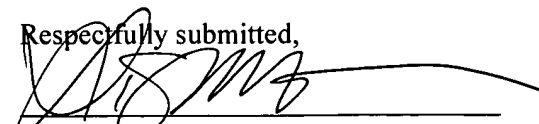
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

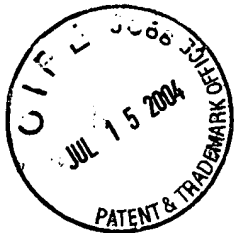
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on April 16, 2004 in the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.